

# Interpretive



# Programs

## Clifty Falls State Park Nature Center Programs May 2015

### Nature Center Hours

May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>

Saturdays & Sundays 10 am – 4 pm

May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>

Daily 10 am – 4 pm

(Unless otherwise noted)

## The tunnel is open!

Brough's Tunnel will be open to the public  
May 1 – October 31

### Saturday, May 2

**2 pm Tunnel Tour** – Go underground with us as we explore the park's amazing 1852 railroad tunnel. Learn about its interesting history and its biological significance today! Bring flashlights and sturdy shoes that you can get muddy. Meet at the parking lot at Oak Grove for this 1 hour hike.



### Sunday, May 3

**11 am Tricky Tracks** – Who's been leaving tracks here at Clifty, or even in your backyard? Test your knowledge and create your own track field guide to take home! Meet at the Nature Center for this 30 minute program.

### Saturday, May 9

## Big May Bird Count!

### **Sponsored by the National Audubon Society**

Join area bird enthusiasts for a few hours in the field in the morning and/or afternoon to survey local bird life. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather.

**8 am Morning Caravan** – Meet at the Nature Center.

**1:30 pm Afternoon Caravan** – Meet at the Nature Center for afternoon portion of the caravan.

### Sunday, May 10

**11 am Critter Feeding & Turtle Walk** – Visit the Nature Center to learn what's on the menu for our resident critters and help us give our turtles some exercise.



### Saturday, May 16

**2 pm Snakes Alive** – Join us at the Nature Center to meet and learn about our resident snakes. Create your own spiral snake to take home! 30 minutes.

### Sunday, May 17

**11 am - 2 pm Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Drop by the Nature Center to pick up a list of items you will need to snap a photo of while you explore the park. Once you are finished come back to the Nature Center to show us your photos and get a prize.

Saturday, May 23

**11 am Woodland Wander** – Explore the woods with a naturalist to learn about native flora and fauna. Meet at the Nature Center for this 1 hour moderate hike.

**2 pm Turtle Walk** – Visit the Nature Center to help us give our turtles some exercise and sunshine.

**8:30 pm Owl Prowl** – Meet at the pool parking lot for a 1-hour search for birds of the night. Learn about the 3 most common owls of Indiana and then head out for a moderate hike.



Sunday, May 24

**11 am Backyard Birdfeeders** – Make a recycled birdfeeder and learn how to attract birds to your backyard. Meet at the Nature Center for this 30 minute program.

**2 pm – Clifty's Most Wanted** – Meet at the Nature Center to learn about some of Indiana's common invasive plant species. Take a short hike to see some up close and learn about what the park is doing to get rid of them.

**6 pm – Going Batty!** – Join us at the campground amphitheater for this 40 minute program where we will explore the wonderful world of bats!

Monday, May 25

**2 pm Creature Feature** – Take a break with a Naturalist. Meet on the Pool Lawn to visit with an animal native to Clifty Falls. Swimmers, be sure to get your hand stamped before you join us.

Nature Center Closed

Tuesday, May 26 & Wednesday, May 27

Saturday, May 30

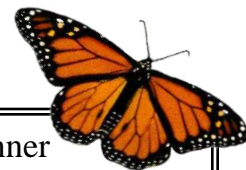
**11 am Vulture Venture** – Meet at the Nature Center for a 40 minute moderate hike to learn about two scavengers of the sky. Discover how important they are to our ecosystem and how they make being gross look cool!

**2 pm Turtle Walk** – Visit the Nature Center to help us give our turtles some exercise and sunshine.

**6 pm – Monarchs and Milkweed** – Join us at the campground amphitheater to learn about the incredible monarch butterfly! Discover how you can help these butterflies at home. 40 minutes.

Sunday, May 31

**11 am Scatology 101** – The study of scat! Discover what's eating what and how you can identify an animal by what they leave behind. Join us at the Nature Center for this 30 minute program.



Property Manager: Darrell Skinner  
Assistant Property Manager: Rocky Brown  
Interpretive Naturalist: Kristie Ridgway  
Interpretive Naturalist: Alexandra Wardwell

More information at  
[www.IN.gov/dnr/parklake](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/parklake) or call  
812-273-0609

Be sure to ask about the  
**Hoosier Quest Program!**

Earn pins and patches!  
Visit the Nature Center for more information

Children younger than 14 must be with an adult  
while in the Nature Center or at programs.